

Attempted Rape Leads to 30-Year Prison Sentence

Other prison sentences handed down for drug, manslaughter, weapons, and robbery charges

A Dover man who tried to rape a woman while her children were present has pled guilty and been sentenced to prison. Deputy Attorney General Kathleen Dickerson prosecuted the case against 34-year-old Tyree Lockett of Dover. In March 2018, Lockett attempted to rape his ex-girlfriend's roommate as she slept and while her children were present in the apartment. When the victim woke up, Lockett physically assaulted her as she tried to escape. Lockett pled guilty to Attempted Rape First Degree and 2 counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and was immediately sentenced to 30 years in prison by a Superior Court judge, followed by 1 year of work release, then 3 years of probation. Lockett must also register as a Tier 3 sex offender. Detective Stephen Boone from the Dover Police Department, and DOJ social worker Lorraine Freese and paralegal Sue Balik also worked on the prosecution.

Deputy Attorney General Erika Flaschner secured a prison sentence for a habitual offender for his latest drug and weapons charges. Tony Davis, 38, of Wilmington, pled guilty in May to Drug Dealing Heroin Tier 4 and Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited. After a traffic stop in Wilmington in August 2017, police found over 12,000 bags of heroin, a loaded semi-automatic handgun, cocaine, methamphetamine, alprazolam, marijuana, and oxycodone. A Superior Court judge sentenced Davis, barred from having a gun because of past drug and weapons convictions, to 17 years in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then 18 months of probation. Detective Danielle Farrell of the Wilmington Police Department served as chief investigative officer in the case.

A fatal stabbing led to a 15-year prison sentence for a New Castle man. In December 2016, Chaz Collazo, 29, stabbed 35-year-old Melvin Smith in the neck as the two argued about money in the 900 block of North Market Street in Wilmington. Collazo fled the scene, leaving Smith to bleed to death on the street. In June 2018, Collazo pled guilty to Manslaughter and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony. A Superior Court judge sentenced Collazo to 15 years in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then 2 years of probation. Deputy Attorneys General Brian Robertson and Rebecca Song prosecuted the case with assistance from special investigator Brian Daly, victim/witness specialist Crystal Pitts, and paralegal Jaime Prater.

A second man convicted of robbing and beating a University of Delaware student received a prison sentence from a Superior Court judge. Deputy Attorney General Jamie McCloskey secured the sentence for Lewis Henderson, 25, of Salem, NJ. In August 2016, Henderson and his co-defendant, Derrick Hudson, punched and kicked their victim and stole his backpack as he walked home from campus to his apartment in Newark. The attack left the victim with a collapsed lung and broken bones, resulting in a 4-day hospital stay. Henderson pled guilty in April 2018 to Robbery First Degree and Conspiracy Second Degree and was sentenced to 6 years in prison, followed by 2 years of probation. Hudson, 22, of New Castle, pled guilty in April 2017 to Robbery First Degree and Conspiracy Second Degree, and was sentenced in February 2018 to 3 years in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then 18 months of probation.